

Introduced by Senator Perata

February 22, 2005

An act to amend Section 1690 of the Harbors and Navigation Code, relating to ports and harbors.

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SB 1027, as introduced, Perata. Ports: harbors: operations.

Existing law provides for the regulation of ports and harbors in the state.

This bill would modify certain declarations of legislative intent relating to ports and harbors.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1690 of the Harbors and Navigation
2 Code is amended to read:
3 1690. The Legislature finds and declares all of the following:
4 (a) The state has a compelling interest in the ~~success~~ *efficient*
5 *operation* of her ports and harbors because they provide
6 ~~significant~~ *considerable* economic benefit to the state in terms of
7 jobs, personal income, business revenue, and taxes, *and because*
8 *their operations present external impacts, including, but not*
9 *limited to, air quality issues, traffic congestion, and highway*
10 *safety issues, that must be, and can be, mitigated through greater*
11 *efficiency.*
12 (b) Ports and harbors are the vital interface between water and
13 land transportation for trade with the Pacific Rim countries and
14 other trade.

1 (c) Historically, California's ports and harbors have been
2 self-supporting.

3 (d) The report of the California Transportation Commission
4 entitled "Improving Access to California's Ports," dated
5 February 1990, found that \$897 million is needed for port access
6 transportation projects.

7 (e) In addition to port access transportation projects, there is a
8 need for new harbor facilities and to restore facilities damaged in
9 the Loma Prieta earthquake.

10 (f) Because of shrinking federal and state funding and the
11 increasing demand for those limited funds, ports and harbors are
12 no longer able to finance projects of this magnitude without a
13 new funding mechanism.

14 (g) It is the intent of the Legislature to assist in the reduction
15 of local borrowing costs, help accelerate the construction, repair,
16 and maintenance of port capital improvements, and promote
17 greater use of existing and new financial instruments and
18 mechanisms.